

Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs

Saturday, March 30
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Help stock the wildlife observation area at the nature center with seed & suet, & then watch through large windows as wild animals eat & interact.

10:30am Spring Wildflower Walk – Meet at the nature center for a 1-hour easy stroll to enjoy the earliest spring bloomers.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Enjoy a free 40-minute star show in the nature center planetarium and see spring constellations and planets. Don’t be late! Doors close at 2 p.m. *Reservations Recommended.*

Sunday, March 31
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Stained Glass Vases – Make a pretty vase & get ready to raid your April flower beds! 30 min. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Monday, April 1
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30-11:15am Milk Carton Feeders – Designed for small birds to inspire bigger ideas for home. 15-minute activity. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended.*

Tuesday, April 2
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30-11:15am Fur, Feathers & Bones – Stop in the Nature Center to explore different animal coverings and bones.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended.*

Wednesday, April 3
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Fish Kites – Get ready for spring with a Sugar Creek fish kite. 30-minute workshop. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Thursday, April 4
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Pine Cone Stuffers – Create a yummy treat to hang at home for birds. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Friday, April 5
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30-11am Giant Bubbles – Use a homemade bubble maker and juice to make really big bubbles. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Children younger than 14 must be with an adult while in the nature center or at programs.

Saturday, April 6
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Should I Fly Away Or Sleep? – Have you ever wondered what the animals do when the weather starts to change? Join special guest Brianne Gill in the nature center and to read stories, sing songs, make a craft, and find out how animals survive the winter. Fun for families with pre-school thru early elementary-age children. 1 hour.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Sunday, April 7
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Birding Basics – Get tips from a naturalist on how to recognize and enjoy your local birds. Program begins in the nature center auditorium & ends with a short, easy hike. 1 hr.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Monday, April 8
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30-11:15am Milk Carton Feeders – Designed for small birds to inspire bigger ideas for home. 15 minute activity. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended.*

Tuesday, April 9
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30-11:15am Fur, Feathers & Bones – Stop in the Nature Center to explore different animal coverings and bones.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended.*

Wednesday, April 10
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Fish Kites – Get ready for spring with a Sugar Creek fish kite. 30-minute workshop. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Thursday, April 11
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Pine Cone Stuffers – Create a yummy treat to hang at home for birds. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Friday, April 12
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30-11am Giant Bubbles – Use a homemade bubble maker and juice to make really big bubbles. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Hoosier Quest Program
Earn a pin, kerchief, patch & more!
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Spring Wildflower Day

Saturday, April 13

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Help stock the wildlife observation area at the nature center with seed & suet, & then watch through large windows as wild animals eat & interact.

10:30am-4pm Flower Crafts – Stop by the nature center throughout the day to make something beautiful in celebration of spring wildflowers!

10:30am Flowers Thru The Seasons – Meet at the nature center for a gorgeous 40-minute slide show of wildflowers, and then take a short, moderate hike with guest Jean Turnmire to see flowers currently in bloom at Turkey Run.

11:45am Wild Edibles – Enjoy some tasty wild treats and discover how flowers have more to offer than just looking pretty and smelling good. 40 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Enjoy a 40-minute look at the night sky & discover how easy it is to see the ancient constellations. No one admitted after 2. *Reservations recommended on weekends.*

3pm Wildflower Hike – Enjoy a trip a little farther afield to see what else is blooming in the park. 1¼-hour moderately rugged hike. Nature Center.

Sunday, April 14

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Nature's Print – Meet at the Nature Center to see how to identify the trees of Turkey Run, and make an ink-print journal to keep. 45-minute workshop.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*



Monday thru Friday, April 15-19

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

*******And on Thursday, April 18th*******

6pm Park Friends Meeting – Gather in the basement of the Turkey Run Inn for our annual banquet. Bring a covered dish to share & meet some new friends! At 7pm butterfly expert Jeff Belth, author of the newly published *Butterflies of Indiana: A Field Guide*, will share insight and knowledge about our beautiful Indiana butterflies, and will have signed copies of his book for sale. Hope to see you there!



Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 20

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am-1pm Earth Day Activities – Visit the area around the nature center and make or do lots of fun stuff while learning how to take good care of the earth. Create jewelry, bird feeders, journals, kites & cleaners, and see a Chevy Volt, worm composting, alternative energy, or do some fishing & kayaking!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No one admitted after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

3pm Free Fishing! – Join us for some free fishing in Sugar Creek. Bring equipment or borrow from our limited supply.

Sunday, April 21

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Life And Death – Join the naturalist for a 1-hour moderate hike to use your five senses and discover our forest, floor to canopy. Meet on the Nature Center front porch.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Monday-Friday, April 22-26

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Saturday, April 27

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Going Batty – Gather on the front porch of the nature center to go looking for bats. This 1-hour moderately rugged hike includes a gorgeous walk to a coal mine.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Sunday, April 28

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Eradicate The Enemy – See how easy it is to identify invasive plants in our park. Then help us remove a few so you'll know how to handle them around your homes – we'll supply work gloves & tools. 2-hour workshop. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2. *Reservations Recommended.*

Monday-Friday, April 29-May 03

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Contact Information

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For more interpretive programs:

www.stateparks.IN.gov/2420.htm

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